EXHIBIT |

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A composition for coating a substrate, comprising at least one metaloxide precursor and at least one deposition-rate enhancing material.
  - 2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the substrate is transparent.
  - 3. The composition of claim 1 wherein the substrate is a glass.
  - 4. The composition of claim 1 wherein the substrate is a silicate glass.
- 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein the metal-oxide precursor comprises a silicon-oxide precursor.
- 6. The composition of claim 1 wherein the metal-oxide precursor comprises a tin-oxide precursor.
- 7. The composition of claim 1 wherein the metal-oxide precursor comprises a silicon-oxide precursor and a tin-oxide precursor.
- 8. The composition of claim 1 comprising a tin-oxide and a phosphorus-oxide precursor.
- 9. The composition of claim 1 comprising a silcon-oxide, a tin-oxide and a phosphorus-oxide precursor.
- 10. The composition of claim 1 comprising a silcon-oxide, a tin-oxide and a boron-oxide precursor.
- 11. The composition of claim 1 comprising a silcon-oxide, a tin-oxide, a phossphorus-oxide, and a boron-oxide precursor.
- 12. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a phosphite.
- 13. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is water.
- 14. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance comprises water and a phosphite.
- 15. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance comprises water, a borate and a phosphite.

- 16. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a phosphite ester.
- 17. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is trimethyl phosphite.
- 18. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is triethyl phosphite.
- 19. The composition of claim 1 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance comprises a mixture of triethyl and trimethyl phosphites.
- 20. An article obtained by deposition onto a substrate of a coating from metal-oxide coating precursors, comprising at least one deposition-rate-enhancing substance.
- 21. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating is a film comprising at least a silicon oxide.
  - 22. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating is a film comprising silicon and tin oxides.
  - 23. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating is a film comprising silicon, tin and phosphorus oxides.
- 24. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating is a film comprising silicon and tin oxides and boron oxide.
- 25. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating is a film comprising silicon, tin, phosphorus and boron oxides.
- 26. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a phosphite.
- 27. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a phosphite ester.
- 28. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is triethyl phosphite.
- 29. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is trimethyl phosphite.

- 30. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is water.
- 31. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a mixture of MBTC and triethyl phosphite.
- 32. The article of claim 20 wherein the deposition-rate-enhancing substance is a mixture of MBTC and trimethyl phosphite.
- 33. The article of claim 20 wherein the coating comprises at least one layer.
- 34. The article of claim 33 wherein the layer comprises tin and silicon oxides.
- 35. The article of claim 33 wherein the layer comprises tin, silicon, and phosphorus oxides.
- 36. The article of claim 33 wherein the layer comprises tin, silicon, phosphorus and boron oxides.
  - 37. The article of claim 33 having at least a first and a second layer.
- 38. The article of claim 33 wherein the second layer comprises a mixture of tin and silicon oxides and fluorine.
  - 39. The article of claim 33 comprising a plurality of layers.
  - 40. The article of claim 33 comprising a silicon oxide and a tin oxide.
- 41. The article of claim 33 comprising a tin oxide and a phosphorus oxide.
- 42. The article of claim 33 comprising a silicon oxide, a tin oxide, and a phosphorus oxide.
- 43. The article of claim 33 comprising a silicon oxide, a tin oxide, a phosphorus oxide and a boron oxide.
- 44. The article of claim 33 comprising a plurality of layers, each layer having a separate refractive index.

- 45. The article of claim 33 comprising a plurality of layers, each layer having a concentration of a silicon oxide and a tin oxide different from an adjacent layer.
- 46. The article of claim 37 wherein the first layer has a refractive index which changes continuously between the substrate and the second layer.
- 47. The article of claim 37 wherein the second layer comprises a doped tin oxide.
- 48. The article of claim 37 wherein the second layer is deposited from a precursor mixture comprising MBTC and a fluorine-containing material.
- 49. The article of claim 37 wherein the first layer is deposited from a precursor mixture comprising MBTC and TEOS in the presence of triethyl phosphite.
- -50. The article of claim 37—wherein the first layer is deposited from a precusor mixture comprising MBTC and TEOS in the presence of trimethyl phosphite.